

SENATE BILL 1990
By Womack

AN ACT to amend Chapter 429 of the Private Acts of 1931; as amended by Chapter 30 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 104 of the Private Acts of 1993; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the duties of the Mayor of the City of Murfreesboro.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 429 of the Private Acts of 1931; as amended by Chapter 30 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 104 of the Private Acts of 1993; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 31 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 31. Mayor head of city for ceremonial and military purposes; powers and duties generally.

That the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, shall have a seat, a voice, and a vote, but no veto power, and shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, and by the governor for military purposes. The mayor is authorized to sign the journal of the minutes of the meetings of the council, all ordinances on their final passage, and execute all deeds, bonds, contracts or other legal instruments made in the name of the city, except: (i) in the absence of the mayor, the foregoing may be signed by the vice-mayor, or (ii) the city manager, or other person specified in a resolution or ordinance, may execute a contract or other document on behalf of the city.

(Nothing herein is intended to limit the authority of the city manager which is

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granted by other provisions of this Charter.) In time of public danger or emergency, the mayor may, with the consent of the council, take command of the police and maintain order and enforce the laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Murfreesboro. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of the City of Murfreesboro and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.